



PATENT APPLICATION

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 1775**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Ryuji KAI et al.

Group Art Unit: 1775

Application No.: 10/673,497

Examiner: L. XU

Filed: September 30, 2003

Docket No.: 117377

For: HONEYCOMB STRUCTURE, METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING HONEYCOMB
STRUCTURE, AND EXHAUST GAS PURIFICATION SYSTEM USING
HONEYCOMB STRUCTURE

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the March 3, 2006 Office Action and the May 18 personal interview,
reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-12 and 16 are pending.

Applicants thank Examiner Xu for the courtesies extended to Applicants'
representatives during the May 18 personal interview. Applicants separate record of the
substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

Applicants appreciate the acceptance of the drawings filed January 27, 2006 and the
Examiner's statement. However, as briefly discussed during the interview, Applicants
respectfully submit that the "conventional" structure is not always admitted prior art. None of
the law, Federal Regulations, or policy guidance as set forth by MPEP, states that the